

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF HEARING AID INSTRUMENT  
DISPENSERS AND FITTERS**

**May 2, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Roll Call**

Sam White called the meeting of the Board of Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers and Fitters to order on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 9:33 a.m. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting and Agenda ten (10) days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Health and Human Services Systems Regulation and Licensure at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

The following Board members and State Staff were present at the meeting.

Sam White, Chairperson  
Margaret Coleman, Secretary -Treasurer  
Steve Boney, Ph.D., Professional Member  
Evelyn McKnight, Professional Member - arrived at 10:10 a.m.  
Edward Cohn M.D., Otolaryngologist  
Kimberly Joyce, Professional Member

Diane Hansmeyer, Section Administrator  
Patty Pierson, Credentialing Coordinator  
Susan Strong, Assistant Attorney General  
Loretta Bennett, HHSS Investigator - arrived 9:30, left 10:30 a.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Boney moved, seconded by Cohn, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: White, Boney, Cohn, Coleman, Joyce. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting, McKnight. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Cohn moved, seconded by Joyce, to approve the minutes for September 19, 2005 and October 25, 2005 meetings. Voting aye: Cohn, Joyce, Coleman, White, and Boney. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: McKnight. Motion carried.

**INVESTIGATIONS, TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUE, AND PRACTICAL  
EXAMINATION (closed session)**

Joyce moved, seconded by Boney to go into closed session at 9:45 a.m. The purpose of going into closed session was to discuss investigations and to protect the privacy of the individual, to discuss a temporary license issue, and to discuss the practical examination. Voting aye: White, Coleman, Cohn, Boney, and Joyce. Voting nay: none. Absent and not voting: McKnight. Motion carried.

*McKnight entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m.  
Bennett left the meeting at 10:45 p.m.*

**Out of Closed Session**

Boney moved, seconded by Joyce to come out of closed session at noon. Voting aye: White, Coleman, Cohn, McKnight, Boney, and Joyce. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

### **FEE REVIEW**

Hansmeyer presented information regarding the Licensure Fee Review for 2007-2008. The worksheet provides revenue and expenditures, which results in the cost per credential (Attachment A). McKnight moved, seconded by Boney not to change the fees for the 2007-2008 period. Voting aye: White, Coleman, Cohn, McKnight, and Boney. Voting nay: none. Abstaining: Joyce. Motion carried.

*Joyce left the room at 12:15 p.m. and returned at 12:30 p.m.*

### **INTERNATIONAL HEARING SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING & EXHIBITION**

White discussed the upcoming International Hearing Society Annual Meeting & Exhibition in San Antonio, Texas. He said there would be a break-out section that specifically addresses Hearing Aid Boards in addition to other issues of importance to hearing aid fitters and dispensers. White believes this meeting would be of value and that a representative from our board should attend. Hansmeyer said that the board could appoint more than one individual to attend this meeting. Statute allows such expenses to be incurred by the State of Nebraska because of the helpful information members bring back to share with other board members, which, in turn, benefits those in the profession. Boney moved, seconded by McKnight to send Sam White and Margaret Coleman to this meeting pending approval by the Department Director. Voting aye: Coleman, Cohn, McKnight, Boney, and Joyce. Voting nay: none. Abstaining: White.

### **REGULATORY CHANGES**

Hansmeyer stressed the importance of facilitating a regular regulation review in order to ensure the rules and regulations are current. Some sections within the rules and regulations cannot be changed because they are set by State statute. However, the remaining sections can be affected by changes that naturally occur over time. For example, Hansmeyer said that due to changes in the testing process, the board needed to examine the section addressing the passing score.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Board/Department Duties & responsibilities**

Hansmeyer and the board members reviewed the responsibilities of the board and staff.

#### **LAP Report**

Hansmeyer gave the board a quarterly report on licensee usage of the Licensee Assistance Program. Hansmeyer pointed out that an article on chemical dependency is included with each quarterly report. She said these types of stories would be appropriate to include in association newsletters and are sent to associations for that purpose.

**Complaint Screener/Inv Consultant**

The complaint screener/investigative consultant position was explained as well as the process for when a complaint is lodged. Cohn moved, seconded by McKnight to continue with the current process with Sam White as complaint screener/investigative consultant. Voting aye: Cohn, Boney, McKnight, White, Joyce and Coleman. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

**Re-Affirmation of Ballots**

Joyce moved, seconded by McKnight to reaffirm the mail ballot for Kyle Colony. Voting aye: White, Coleman, Cohn, McKnight, Boney, and Joyce. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

**Renewal Audit**

Joyce moved, seconded by McKnight to set the percentage of audited renewal applications at 10%. Voting aye: Boney, Joyce, White, Coleman, Cohn, and McKnight. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

**Continuing Education Reviewer(s)**

Boney moved, seconded by Joyce to appoint Evelyn McKnight as the Board of Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers and Fitters Continuing Education Reviewer. Voting aye: White, Coleman, Cohn, McKnight, Boney, and Joyce. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

**Election of Officers**

McKnight moved, seconded by Joyce to retain Sam White as Chair, and Margaret Coleman as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers and Fitters. Voting aye: White, Coleman, Cohn, McKnight, Boney and Joyce. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Cohn moved, and Joyce seconded the next two regularly scheduled meetings to be held on August 29<sup>th</sup> of 2006 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 to begin at 9 a.m. Voting aye: White, Coleman, Cohn, McKnight, Boney and Joyce. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret Coleman, Secretary Treasurer